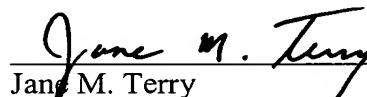


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Amendments were made on pages 1 and 5 of the specification, as shown above, to further clarify the lower region of the stomach subject to contraction. Particular support for the amendments is found on pages 1 and 5 of the specification. Applicants have enclosed, herewith, for the Examiner's convenience, the cover page for the WO96/36619 reference, as noted on page 5 of the present specification, and three pages (cover page, columns 1-2 and columns 13-14) of the U.S. equivalent, U.S. Patent 5,981,557 (hereinafter the '557 patent). As disclosed in the '557 patent, contraction activity was measured in the gastric antrum of a male dog (see column 13, line 59 to column 14, line 15 and column 1, line 38 to column 2, line 53), providing support for the above amendments to the specification. No new matter is believed to have been introduced by the amendments.

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